GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINORITY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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SPECIAL PLAN FOR MUSLIMS
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Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Government is considering a special plan on the lines of the tribal sub-plan, for Muslims, to address the problems faced by them on the health, education, employment and other fronts;

(b) If so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also true that though the Government had announced 15 point programme, no machinery or funds were put in place; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (A.R. ANTULAY)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise

(c) & (d) The Prime Minister`s New 15 Point Programme for the Welfare of Minorities provides for earmarking, wherever possible, of 15% of targets and outlays for minorities under various schemes included in the programme. At the central level, the government has put in place a mechanism for close monitoring of the programme. States / UTs have also been advised to make similar arrangements and several States / UTs have already done so.